BORUTO

-TWO BLUE VORTEX-

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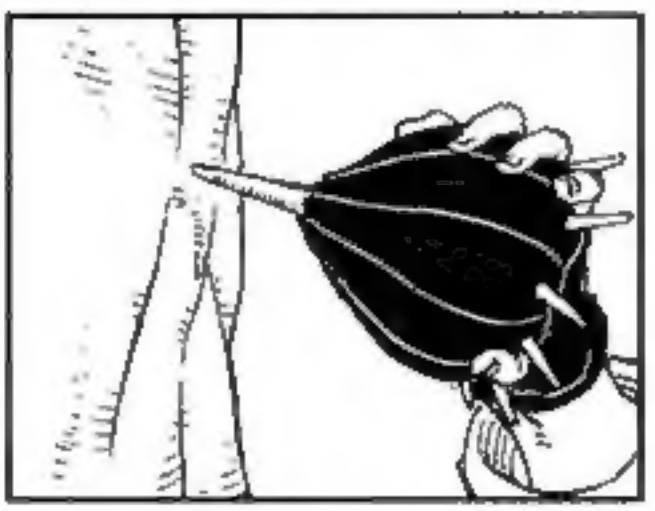
THUNK



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FWOP

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MOEGI!

HEY...

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

MASTER MOEGI!

KONOHA-
MARU-
CHAN...?

SQZ

!

HUH?

...

KONOHA-MARU-CHAN...

...

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HE'S INJURED, BUT NOT CRITICALLY.

AND GAARA'S ALIVE.

YEAH...

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SHINKI'S BEEN RESTORED BACK TO HIMSELF TOO.

HE HASN'T WOKEN UP YET DUE TO THE SEALING JUTSU, BUT...

...HE'S EXPECTED TO SOON.

...

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

SHIKA-MARU.

THE ELDERS ARE CALLING.

THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.

OK?

OK

I DON'T SEE ANY BONE OR MUSCLE ATROPHY.

NO ORGAN ISSUES EITHER.

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KLATTER

LIKELY FROM THAT "TREE" HAVING FED OFF OF YOU.

THE ONLY THING IS THAT YOUR CHAKRA FLOW IS SLUGGISH.

OH, PHEW!

YAY, MASTER!

SO YOUR OVERALL CONDI-TION...

...CAN BE SUMMED UP AS MILD MALNU-TRITION.

JUST EAT LOTS AND GET PLENTY OF REST.

SO SORRY...

...TO MAKE...

...EVERY-ONE WORRY.

THANK YOU...

...KONOHA-MARU-CHAN...

JUST GET WELL QUICKLY, EH?

NO PROBLEM.

HEY...

YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

YEAH.

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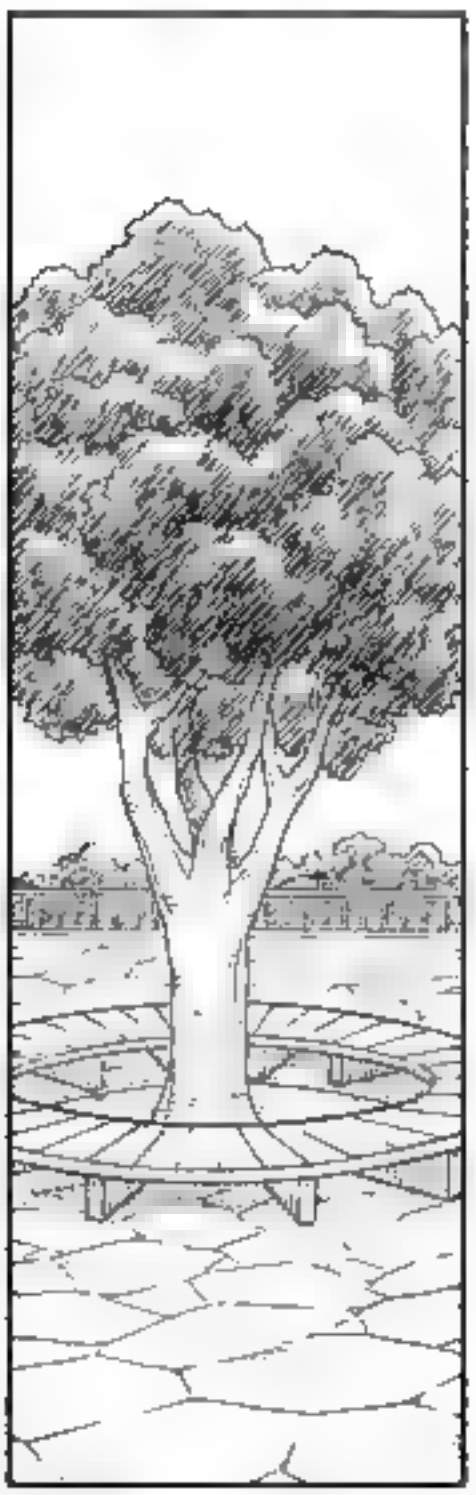

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GOOD JOB OUT THERE.

IT WAS ROUGH, WASN'T IT?

YOUR MISSION ...

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OH...

YEAH.

KINDA..

I...
SUMIRE.

...MAY I...

...CALL YOU THAT?

I MEAN ...

SURE...

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL I STILL JUST BE CLASS REP...

...TO YOU?

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NO, NO, I'M SORRY...

...FOR SUDDENLY...

...SAYING SUCH RUDE THINGS TO YOU.

I'VE BEEN INSENSITIVE...

I WANNA APOLOGIZE.

...ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS...

...I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...

AT THE TIME...

...I WAS SO SHOCKED...

...CUZ WHAT YOU SAID, EVERY SINGLE BIT OF IT...
...WAS ABSO-LUTELY TRUE.

I WAS AVOIDING FACING THE REALITY...
...THAT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.

I *WAS* A COWARD, HIDING FROM...
...MY OWN LACK OF POWER.
...YOUR FEELINGS, AND...

SERIOUSLY?
HUH?
OF COURSE NOT.

AND DOES THAT BOTHER YOU, SARADA?
THAT OTHER GIRLS MIGHT LIKE BORUTO?

RE-MEMBER WHEN...
...YOU ASKED ME ONCE...

I HAD UTTERLY NO INTEREST IN BORUTO AT THAT POINT.

HE DIDN'T TAKE UP ANY SPACE IN MY THOUGHTS.

NOT BACK THEN.

I WASN'T LYING.

BUT...

...

...I WAS SPENDING MORE AND MORE TIME...

...ONE DAY, I REALIZED...

...THINKING ABOUT HIM...

I CON-STANTLY WORRIED ABOUT HIM...

...AS ONE OF HIS TEAM-MATES.

YOU KNOW...

...TROUBLE SEEMS TO FOLLOW HIM...

HE'S ALWAYS IN A BIND.

...BECAUSE WE WERE ON THE SAME TEAM...

...OR IF IT WAS SOMETHING MORE...

BUT BEFORE LONG...

...I STARTED...

...TO GET CONFUSED ABOUT WHETHER MY FEELINGS ONLY EXISTED...

...

...MADE ME A COMPLETE LOSER.

...OVER SUCH THINGS...

...SPENDING ENERGY OBSESSING...

BUT...

...I HAD ANY RIGHT...

...TO STILL TRY TO BECOME HOKAGE...

WHICH MADE ME WONDER WHETHER...

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YOU'RE PROBABLY...

...SUBCON-SCIOUSLY...

...DELUDING YOURSELF...

YOU MISUNDER-STAND...

...

SARADA
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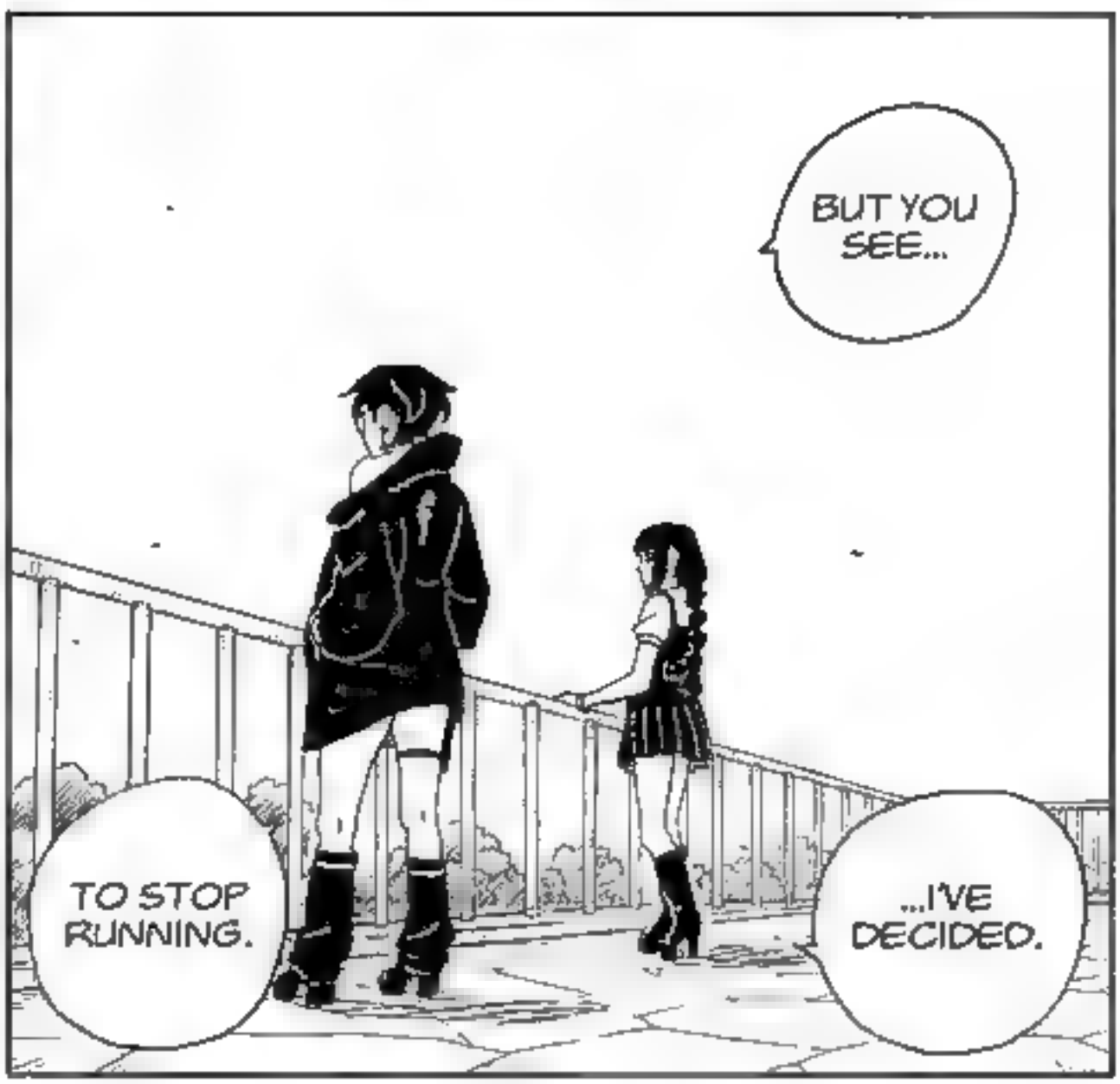
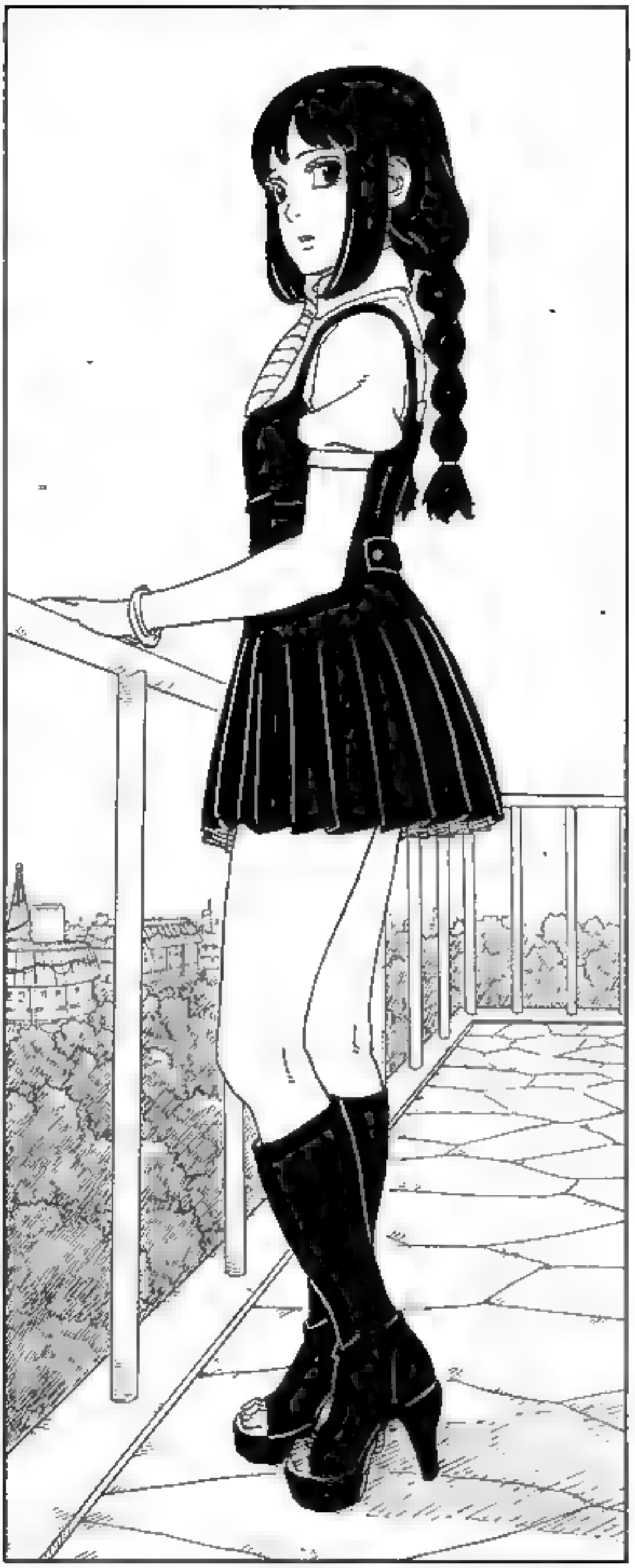

BUT YOU SEE...
TO STOP RUNNING.
...I'VE DECIDED.

I ALSO LIKE BORUTO.



IT MAKES ME THINK...

...LIKE I CAN BECOME HOKAGE.

MY WANTING TO HELP HIM...

...WILL ONLY MAKE ME STRONGER.

THOSE ARE MY NEW FEELINGS.

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IT WAS TOTALLY OBVIOUS.

...HOW YOU FELT, SARADA.

I ALREADY KNEW...

...LONG AGO...

...

BACK AT YA, SUMIRE.

BUT THANK YOU.
FOR TELLING ME DIRECTLY.

SO FROM THIS POINT ON...
...I'M NOT GONNA HOLD BACK ANYMORE.

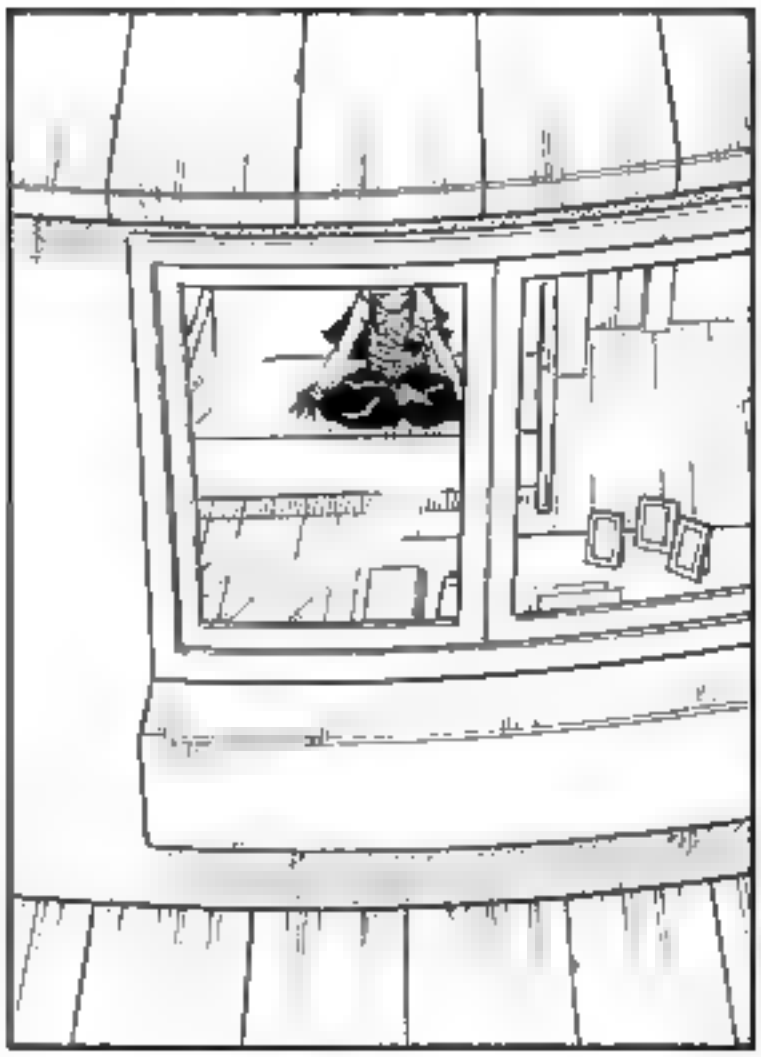
RIGHT BACK AT YOU AGAIN.

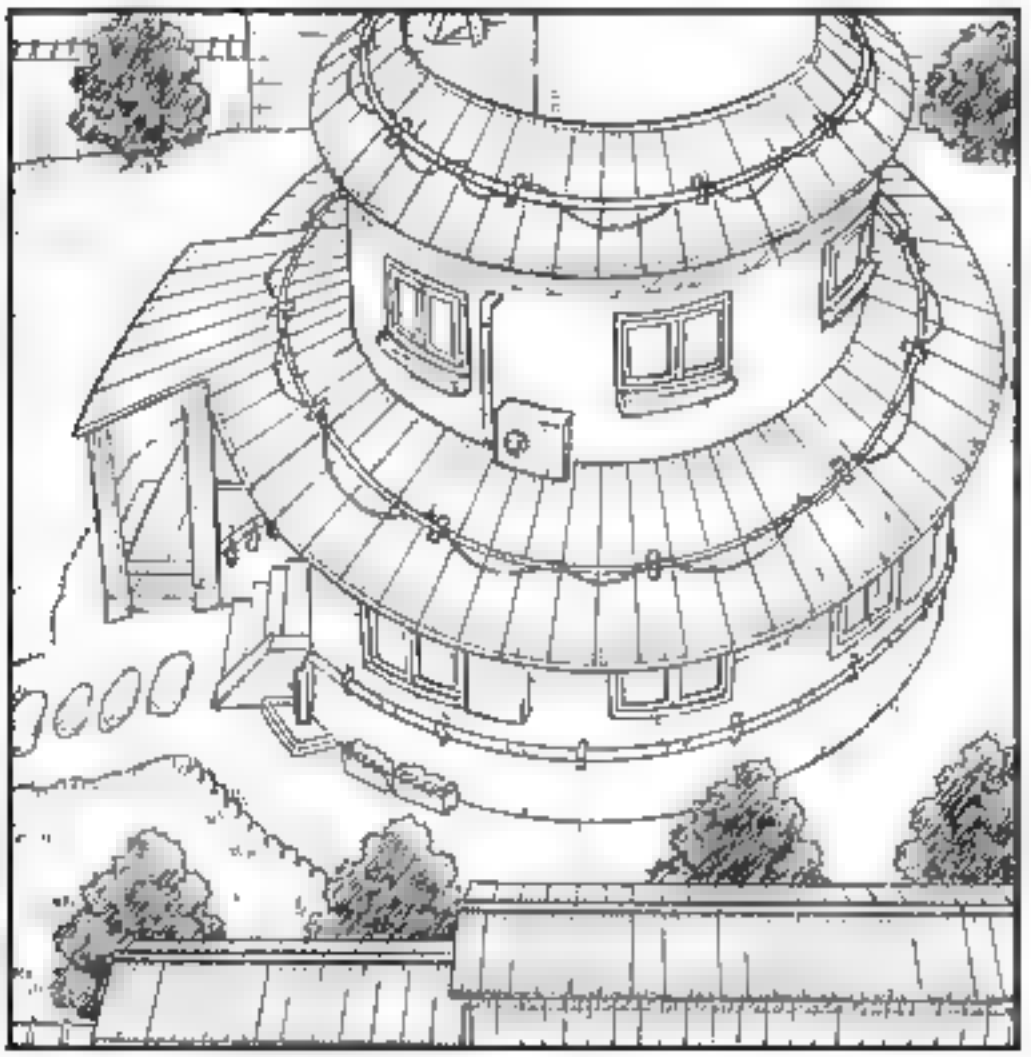
NO WAY!
HOW DARE YOU HAVE SUCH A SUPER-INTENSE CONVO...
...WHEN I'M NOT PRESENT!

...

PLEASE CONNECT ME, STAT...
HEY, COME IN, SENSORY UNIT!

...WITH THOSE GIRLS.





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NNH...
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TAK
TAK-TAK

THUMP
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-ASH-

THAT AIN'T THE WAY.

YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL.

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SPLAT

...

YOUR CHAKRA...

ACCOMPLISH IT ALL THROUGH CHAKRA CONTROL.

BETTER CONTROL THAN YOUR AVERAGE SHINOBI.

LISTEN... DON'T RELY ON ARM STRENGTH WHEN THROWING A PUNCH.

AND DON'T KICK USING YOUR LEG STRENGTH.

IN FACT, YOU'RE EVEN A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM JINCHURIKI...

...THOSE WHO HOST BIJU INSIDE OF THEM.

NOPE, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING.

FOR YOU ARE NO ORDINARY SHINOBI.

I *KNOW* THAT!

I *AM* A NINJA, YOU KNOW!

HUH?

YOU ARE HUMAN, AND YET...

...IF ANY-THING...

...YOU'RE MORE SIMILAR TO ME AND JURA.

THIS IS JUST A BASIC INTRO.

THE POINT IS SOLELY WHAT FIGHTING STYLE YOU SHOULD ADOPT.

LISTEN, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE OR AREN'T, HERE.

I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE THAT...

...

THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.

FORGET EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.

I'M TIRED.

WE'RE DONE FOR TODAY.

...

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A PERSONIFICATION OF CHAKRA— CHAKRA IN HUMAN FORM.

IT'LL ALL LEAD FROM THERE.

KURAMA, WAIT!!

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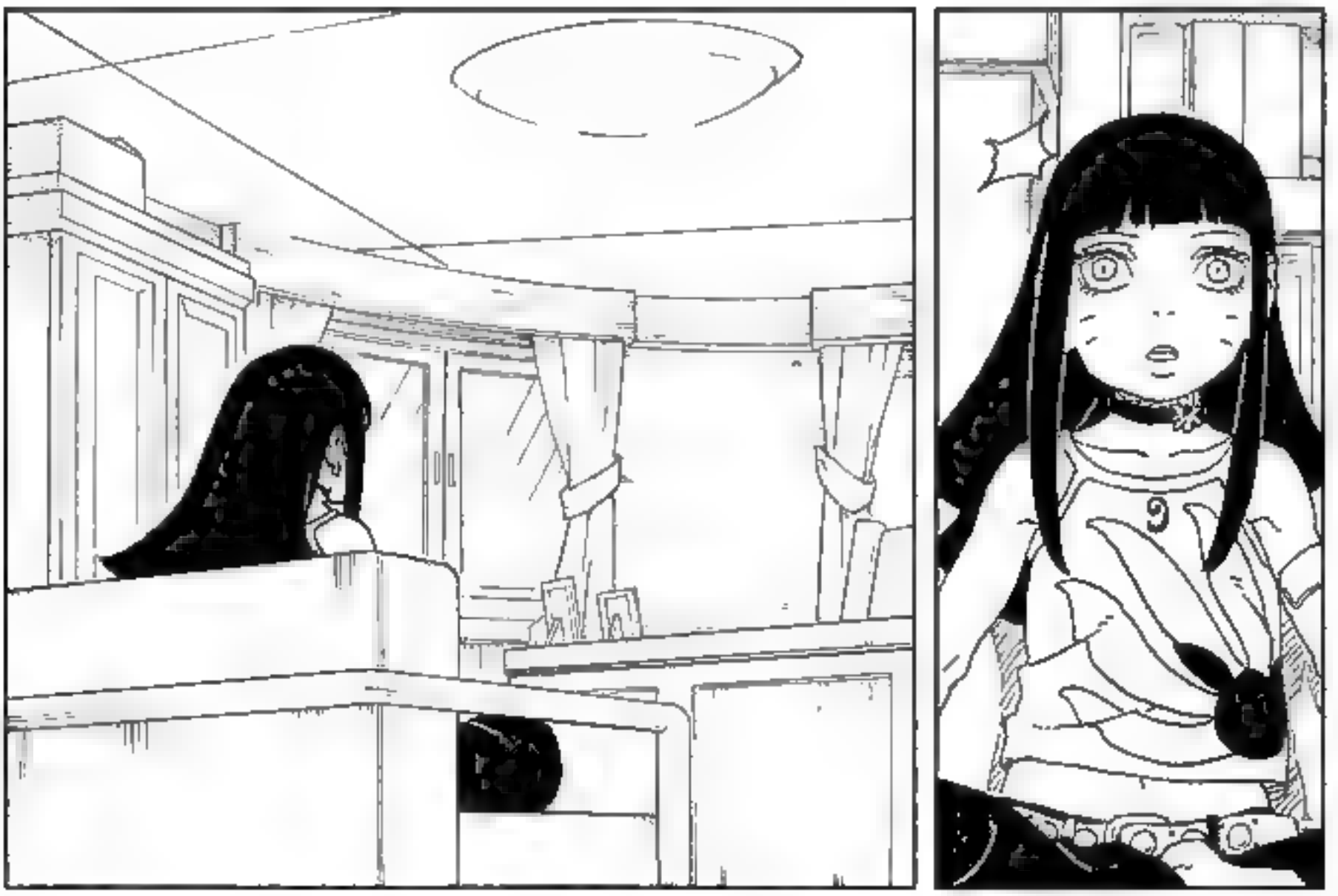
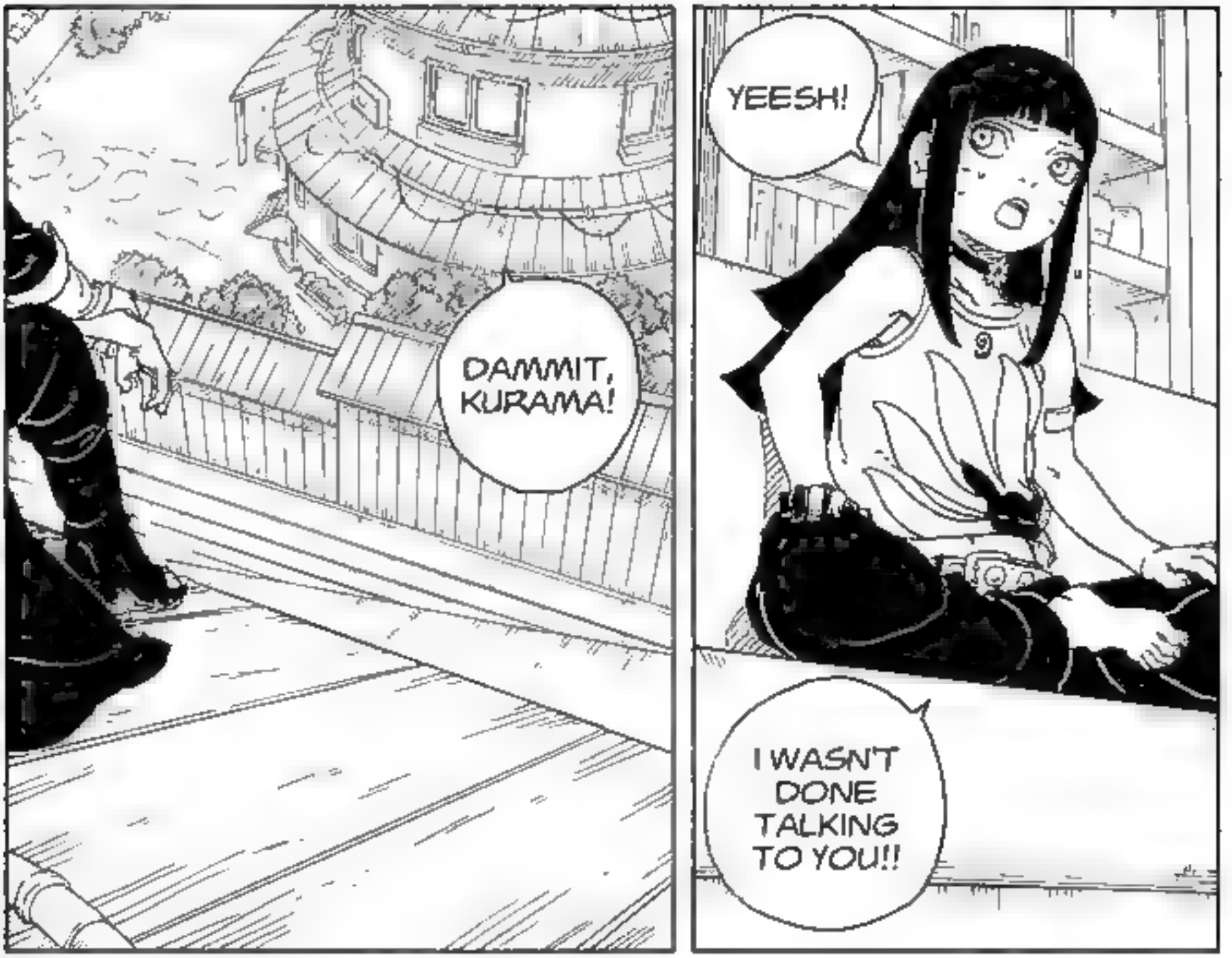
HEY...




DAMMIT, KURAMA!
YEESH!
I WASN'T DONE TALKING TO YOU!!

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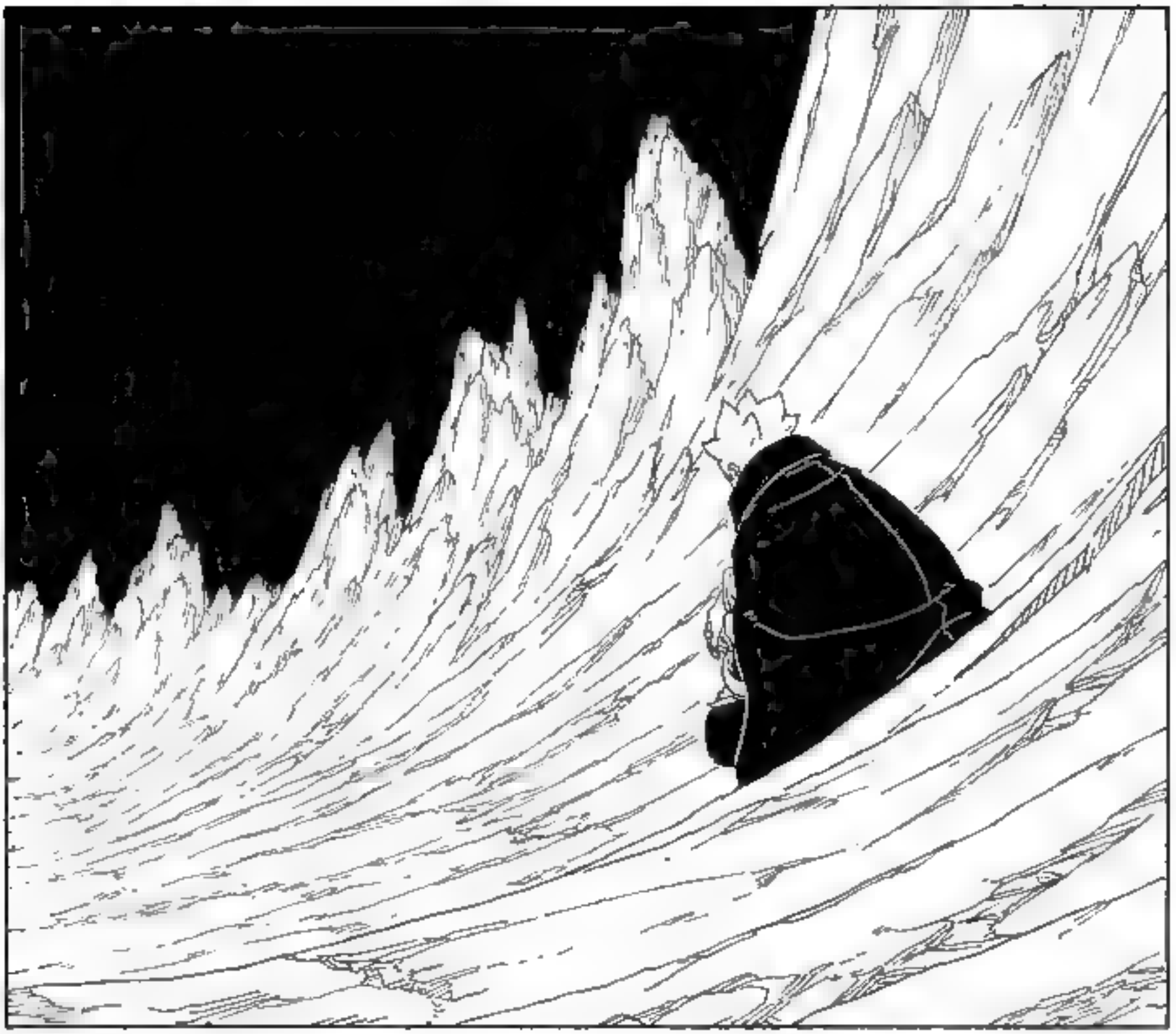

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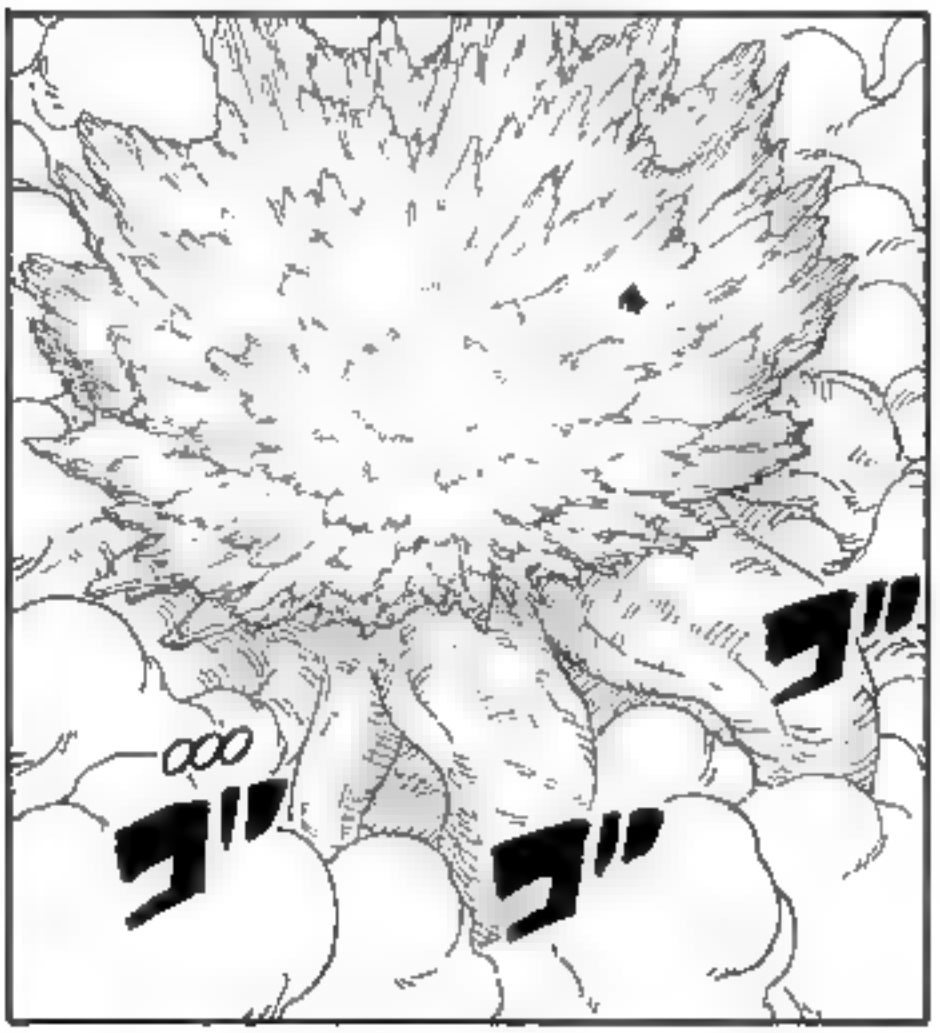
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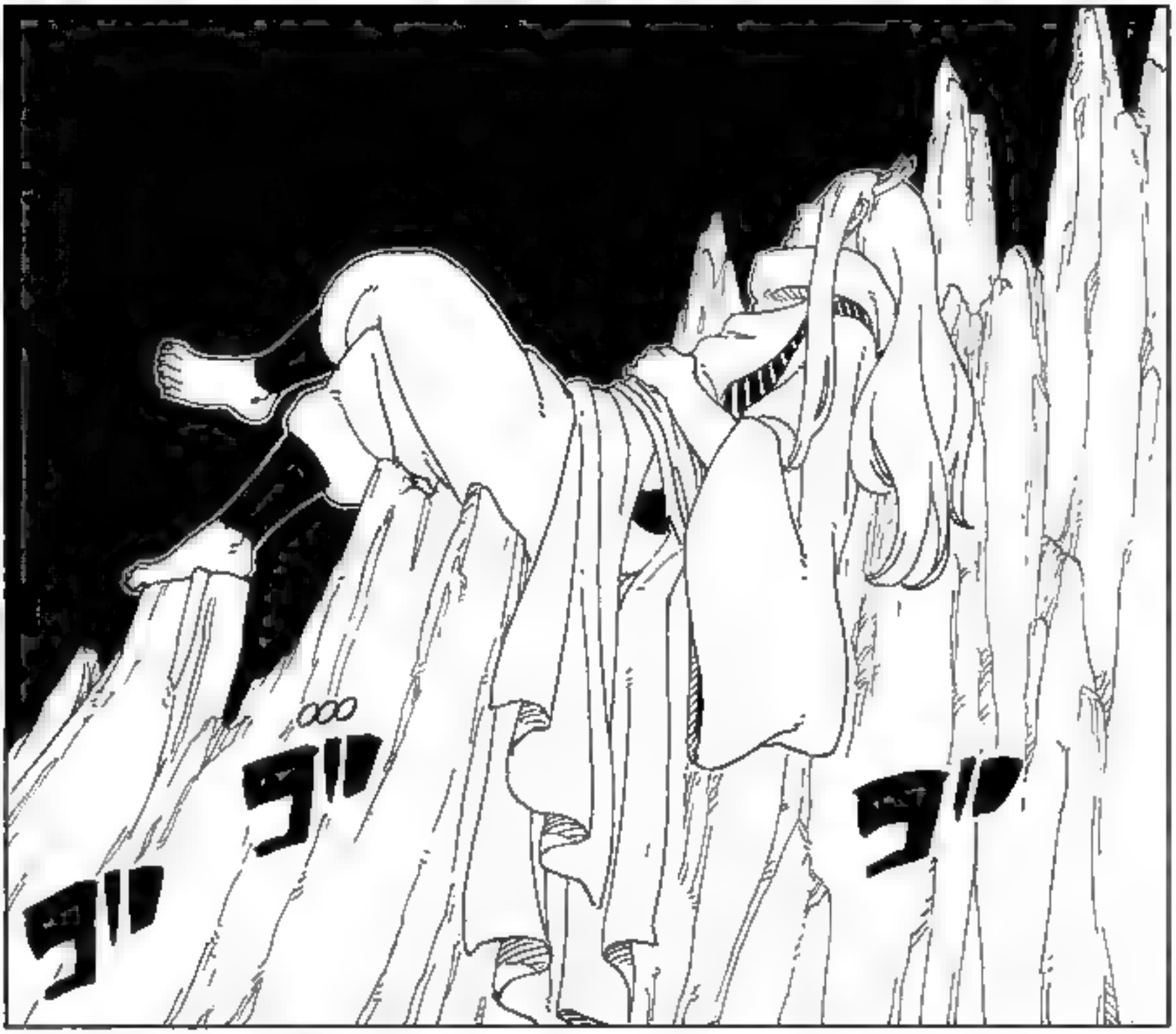
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...TO MAKE YOU COME SEEK ME OUT?
WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO YOU...
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...BECAUSE YOU HAVE FAILED TO DIE YET AGAIN...

...AND KEEP GOING ON LIVING.

I AM DEEPLY DESPAIRING...

YO, FREE-LOADER.

AS SULKY AS EVER, I SEE.

TO BE FREED OF THIS CURSE VIA YOUR DEATH...

...AND BECOME NOTHING.

WITH REINCAR-NATION NO LONGER POSSIBLE ...

...AND WITH ME UNABLE TO TAKE OVER YOUR MIND EITHER...

...THERE IS ONLY ONE THING MY POOR HOMELESS SOUL DESIRES NOW.

I SHOULD HAVE LEFT THINGS WELL ALONE...

...THAT DAY KAWAKI KILLED YOU.

...

I'M HERE...

...TO ASK YOU SOME-THING.

...CONSIDER LENDING ME A HAND?

COULD YOU...

BEGONE.

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

I DO PLAN TO COMPEN-SATE YOU.

JUST HEAR ME OUT.

IF WE'RE ABLE TO TAKE DOWN JURA...

...I'LL GIVE YOU MY BODY.

YOU CAN HAVE EVERYTHING YOU WANT.

THOUGH, HONESTLY, THAT'S...

LIKELY? OH, HE ***DEFINITELY*** HAS NO CLUE.

...WHAT'S ENDEARING ABOUT HIM.

BUT IT'S LIKELY BORUTO HIMSELF...

...HASN'T PICKED UP ON...

...HOW WE FEEL ABOUT HIM.

To be continued!